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## **Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS)**

Flood Safety Awareness Week Continues Through Friday

### What is the Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS)?

"Water Predictions for Life's Decisions," coined by AHPS, is an ongoing effort by NOAA's NWS to modernize hydrologic services. AHPS provides improved river and flood forecasts, as well as water information for locations across America to protect life and property and ensure the Nation's economic well-being.

#### What can AHPS tell me?

With its suite of enhanced information, AHPS provides detailed and accurate answers to the following questions.

- How high will the river rise?
- When will the river reach its peak?
- Where will the flooding occur?
- How long will the flood last?

### Who benefits from AHPS?

Everyone who makes decisions based on water benefits from AHPS, including farmers, river boat pilots, emergency managers, municipal water supply officials, recreationists and dam operators. AHPS will help emergency managers be more proactive in "fighting" a flood. AHPS provides information for community leaders and business owners to make better life-saving decisions about evacuating people or moving property before a flood. The navigation community will be able to plan with better confidence in efforts to optimize barge and shipping operations, saving millions of dollars each year. Recreational users can utilize AHPS information to stay out of harm's way.

Where can I get AHPS products and additional information on the AHPS system? Graphical products and information on the AHPS system are available on the NWS homepage at <a href="http://www.weather.gov/ahps">http://www.weather.gov/ahps</a>.